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VIRGINIA'S WHEAT FORECAST UNCHANGED FROM MAY

Virginia's Winter Wheat crop for 2007 is expected to total nearly 10.7 million bushels, unchanged from the May forecast, according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. If realized, producers will produce 1 percent more than last year's 10.5 million bushels. Producers in the Commonwealth expect to harvest 175,000 acres of wheat yielding an average of 61 bushels per acre, 7 bushels per acre below 2006. In general, small grains are reported to be in fair to good condition.

U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM MAY

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.61 billion bushels, down slightly from the May 1 forecast but 24 percent above 2006. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushel from last month but 1.5 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 37.2 million acres, up fractionally from May 1.

Hard Red production is up slightly from a month ago to 1.03 billion bushels. Soft Red is down 2 percent from last month and now totals 341 million bushels. White production totals 237 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month. Of the White production total, 18.9 million bushels are Hard White and 218 million bushels are Soft White.

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